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In the specification:

Please replace paragraph 16 as follows:

[0016] A first anchor block 14 is secured to the backing plate 2. The anchor is preferably secured by rivets 16 extending into or through the backing plate. The anchor block 14 provides outer surfaces 18 and 20 that engage the lower ends 22 and 24 of the brake shoes and also of the actuating levers and provide pivot points about which the levers and shoes rotate. A securing plate 26 is secured to the top of the anchor to hold the ends of the levers between the securing plate and the backing plate. A spring 28 is connected between the ends of the levers shoes to hold the ends 22 and 24 to surfaces 18 and 20.

Please replace paragraph 20 as follows:

[0020] A second anchor block 42 (shown more clearly in figure 2) is mounted at the top portion of the backing plate and also secured by rivets. This anchor block includes surfaces 44 and 46, which engage respective upper ends of the brake shoes 8 when the brake drum 6 is rotating in a direction that causes braking force to be applied. When the brake drum is rotating in the counterclockwise direction, as illustrated in figure 2, the friction braking forces will cause the lower end of the left brake shoe to engage the anchor block 14 and the upper end of the right brake shoe to engage anchor block 42. When the brake drum is rotating clockwise, the upper end of the left brake shoe will engage the anchor block 42 and the lower end of the right brake shoe will engage the anchor block 14 (as shown in phantom lines in figure 2). Thus, anchor block 14 serves the dual purpose of providing a fulcrum for the actuating levers and resisting the braking forces from the shoes.